

# **NOAA POES PROGRAM**

## **On Orbit Satellite Performance**



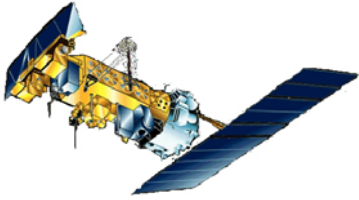
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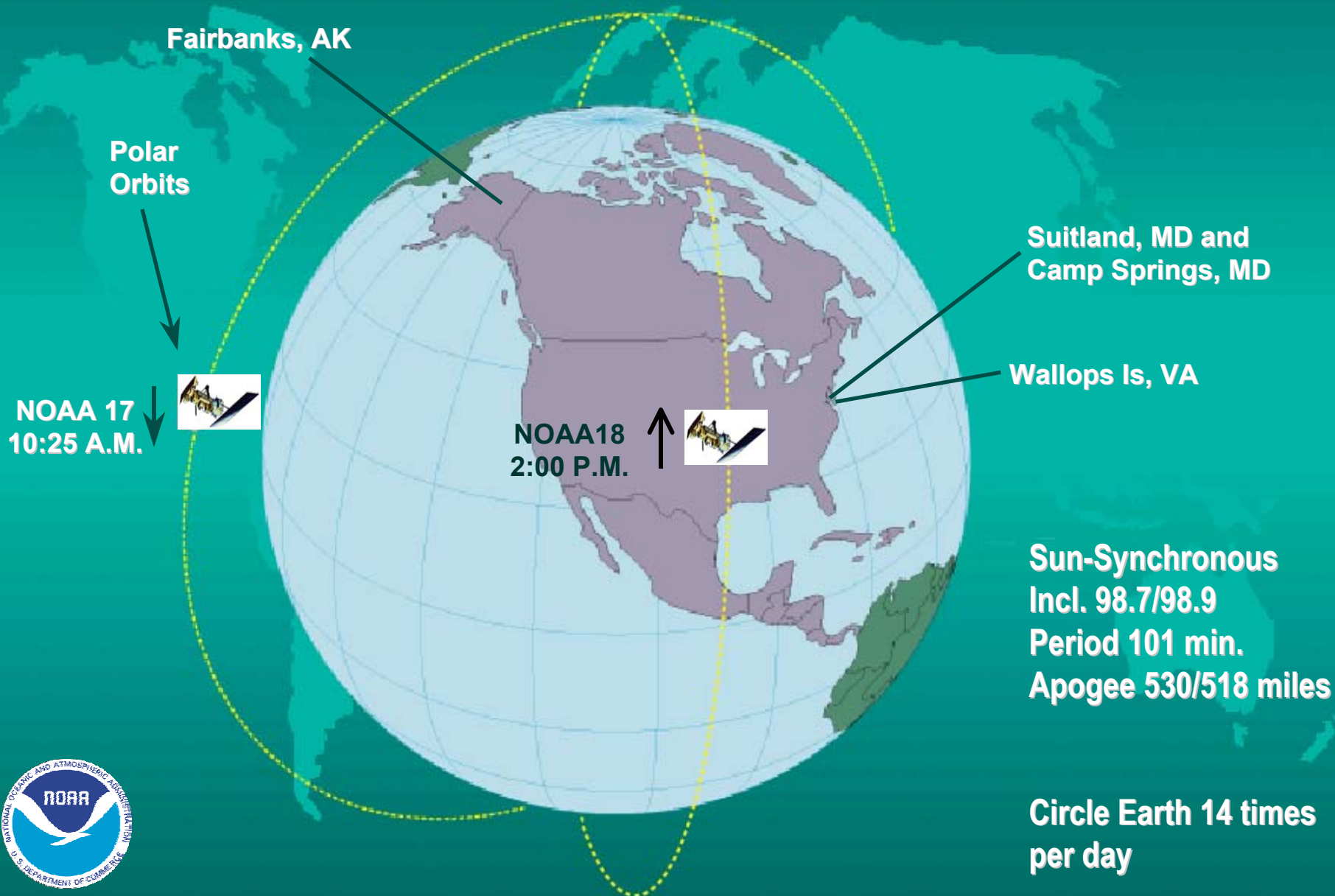
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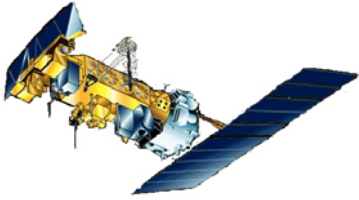


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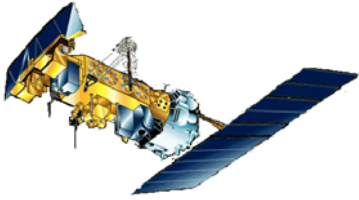
# NOAA POES Satellite System - 2005





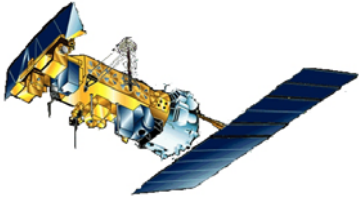
# STATUS OF OPERATIONAL SATELLITES

- **NOAA-18/N (Launched May 2005)**
  - PM Satellite (Primary orbit)
    - *DCS* has DRU8 anomaly, all other DRUs functional
  - Technical status:
    - Currently, SOCC retrieves all DCS data for every 24 hour period through GAC playbacks because of OV period equivalent with primary afternoon mission priority (10-11 playback passes/day).



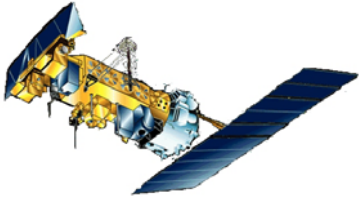
# STATUS OF OPERATIONAL SATELLITES

- **NOAA-17/M (Launched June 2002)**
  - mid AM Satellite (Primary orbit)
    - *DCS Fully Operational*
    - AMSU A1 failure-power supply (requires NOAA 15 data recovery, good for Argos)
  - Technical status:
    - STX3 degradation (affects very small dish users of HRPT)
    - Currently, SOCC retrieves all DCS data for every 24 hour period through GAC playbacks with primary morning mission priority (10-11 playback passes/day).



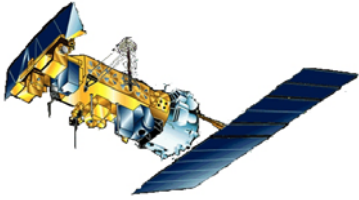
# STATUS OF OPERATIONAL SATELLITES

- **NOAA-16/L (Launched Sep 2000)**
  - PM Satellite (Primary orbit)
    - *DCS Fully Operational*
  - Technical status:
    - Currently, SOCC retrieves all DCS data for every 24 hour period through GAC playbacks with primary PM mission priority (10-11 playback passes/day).
    - Once NOAA-18 is declared operational, NOAA-16 will become ‘back-up’ afternoon satellite. This will most likely occur in late summer 2005 at which time data recovery timeliness will decrease substantially.
    - Data recovery could be increased dramatically if NPOESS Svalbard facility is used operationally. Testing will begin in July 2005.



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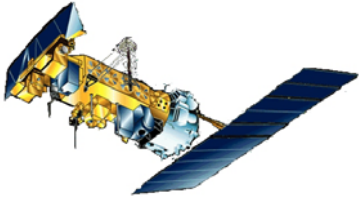
- **NOAA-15/K (Launched May 1998)**
  - Primary AM Satellite, due to erratic AVHRR, HIRS, and AMSU on NOAA-16 and NOAA-17
  - Most instruments operating nominally
    - *DCS Fully Operational*
  - Technical Status:
    - Currently, SOCC retrieves all DCS data for every 24 hour period through GAC playbacks with primary morning mission priority (8 playback passes/day).
    - Antenna anomalies allow only omni directional antenna to be used for non-realtime (GAC) data retrieval.



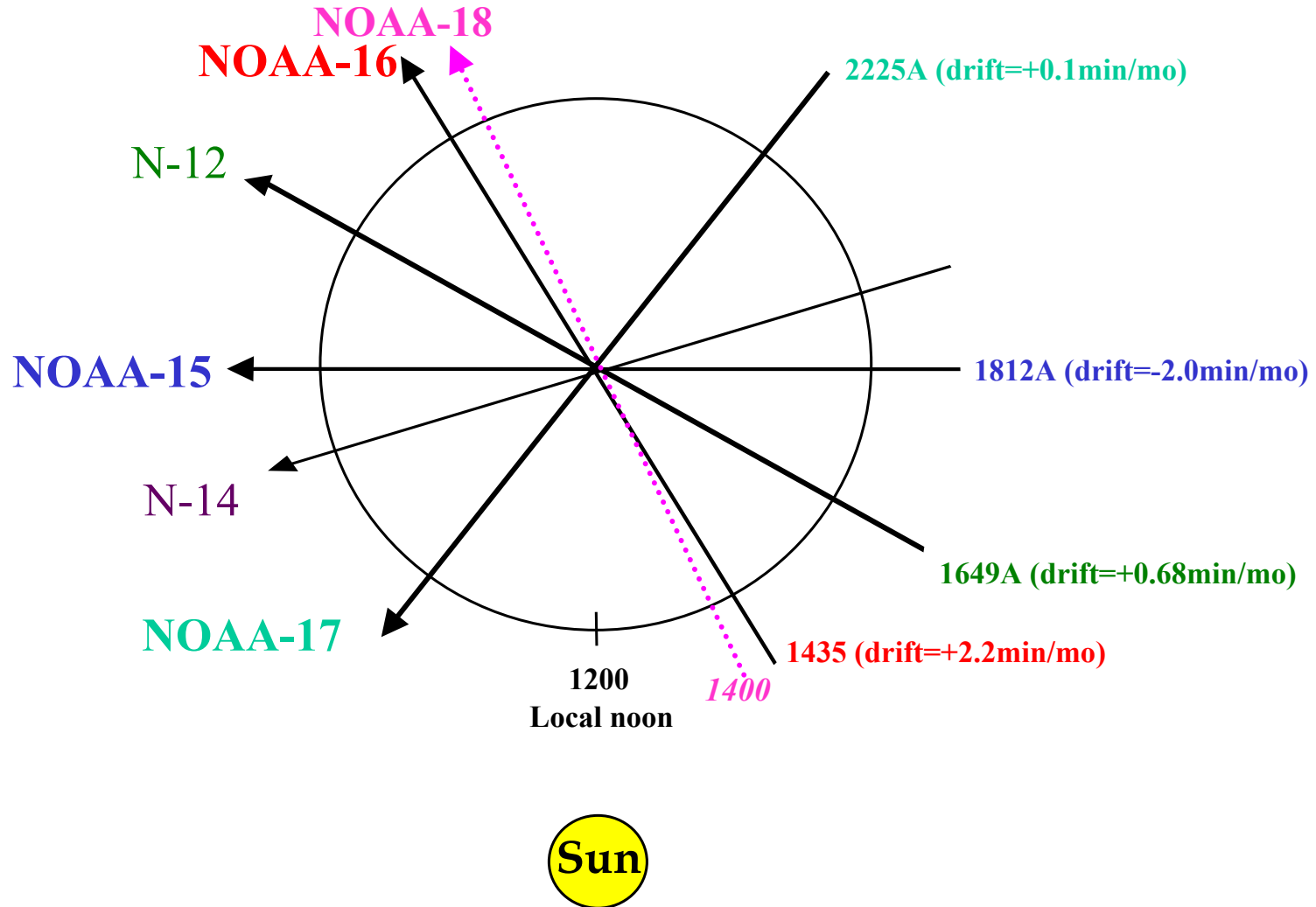
# STATUS OF OPERATIONAL SATELLITES

- **NOAA-14/J (Launched Dec 1994)**
  - Backup PM Satellite;
  - *DCS Fully Operational*
    - Currently, SOCC retrieves all DCS data for every 24 hour period through STIP playbacks with backup morning (drifted into N15 orbit) mission priority (4 playback passes/day).
- **NOAA-12/D (Launched May 1991)**
  - Backup AM satellite
  - *DCS Fully Operational*
    - Currently, SOCC retrieves 3 hours (2 orbits) of DCS data for every 24 hour period through a single STIP playback with backup morning mission priority. (1 playback pass/day, not routine coverage).
- **NOAA-11/H (Launched Sept 1988)**
  - Deactivated June 16, 2004 with DCS community “blessing”





# POES CONSTELLATION STATUS



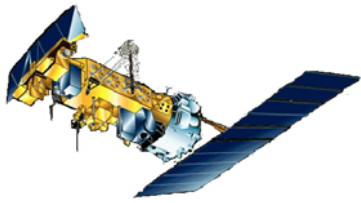


# STATUS OF OPERATIONAL SATELLITES (Continued)



## DRIFT RATES AND EQUATOR CROSSING NODES (ECN) As of June 2004

<u>Spacecraft</u>	<u>Launch Date</u>	<u>Equator Crossing Times</u>	<u>Drift Rate</u>
NOAA-18	MAY 2005	1400 Ascending	+0.4 min/month
NOAA-17	JUNE 2002	1020 Descending	+1.0 min/month
NOAA-16	SEPT 2000	1437 Ascending	+1.0 min/month
NOAA-15	MAY 1998	0637 Descending	-1.6 min/month
NOAA-14	DEC 1994	1930 Ascending	+5.0 min/month
NOAA-12	MAY 1991	0444 Descending	-0.2 min/month



# CURRENT ON-ORBIT DATA CONFIGURATION

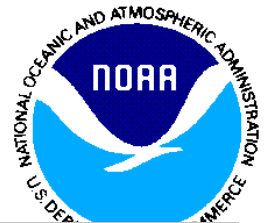


NOAA-18 OV	NOAA-17 PRIMARY A.M.	NOAA-16 PRIMARY P.M.	NOAA-15 BACKUP A.M.	NOAA-14 STANDBY	NOAA -12 STANDBY
GACS	GACS	GACS	GACS	STIP	STIP
	LACS	LACS	No LACS (Downlink constraints)	No LACS	No LACS
HRPT- STX-1 LOW FREQ	HRPT- STX-3 HIGH FREQ	HRPT- STX-1 LOW FREQ	HRPT STX-2 MID FREQ	HRPT STX-1 LOW FREQ	HRPT- STX-1 LOW FREQ
APT VTX2 137.9125	APT	No APT	APT	No APT	APT
Average# of supports taken 13 daily 92 weekly	Average # of supports taken 13 daily 87.5 weekly	Average # of supports taken 13 daily 91.5 weekly	Average # of supports taken 9 daily 64 weekly	Average # of supports taken <3.5 per day. Requested minimum of <i>4 daily</i>	Average # of supports taken <1.5 per day. Requested minimum of <i>4 daily</i>



# POES On-Orbit Status As of 15 June 2005

\* indicates change from previous briefing, # indicates issues outstanding



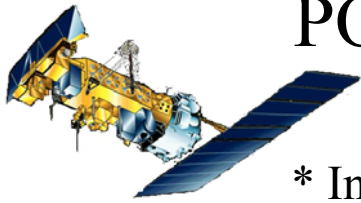
Spacecraft Subsystems	NOAA18	NOAA17	NOAA16	NOAA15	NOAA14	NOAA12
Ascending Node +/- 5 mins	1359	2225	1443	1805	2042	1652
Mission Data Category	OV	PRI	PRI	Back Up	SEC	SEC
<b>Instruments</b>						
Adv. Hi Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR)			Y	Y	R	
High Resolution Infrared Sounder (HIRS)	#		Y	Y *		R
Adv Microwave Sounding Unit (AMSU-A1)		R	Y	Y	N/A	N/A
Adv Microwave Sounding Unit (AMSU-A2)					N/A	N/A
Adv Microwave Sounding Unit (AMSU-B)	N/A			Y	N/A	N/A
Microwave Humidity Sounder (MHS)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Microwave Sounding Unit (MSU)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Y	R
Stratospheric Sounding Unit (SSU)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
Data Collection Subsystem (DCS)	#					
Search and Rescue Repeater (SARR)			Y	Y		N/A
Search and Rescue Processor (SARP)					R	N/A
Space Environment Monitor (SEM)					Y	
Solar Backscatter UV Radiometer (SBUV)			Y	N/A	Y	N/A
<b>Spacecraft Subsystems</b>						
Command and Control					Y	
Electrical Power				*e-season	Y	e-season
Attitude Determination and Control	#					
Communications			Y	Y		
Thermal Control				Y		
Data Handling (Recorders)	#		Y		Y	Y

Operational – Capable of meeting all requirements

Severely Degraded – Unable to meet most requirements

Degraded (Limited operational use) – Capable of meeting some, but not all requirements

Failed – Unable to meet any requirements



# POES Passes Since Previous Briefing (through 31 May 05)

\* Indicates N18 OV CDA (only) supports from 24-31 May

